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**Art Unit 1712**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/509,124; 371 Date: July 25, 2005  
For: **Novel Polyesterified Block Copolymer and Process for Producing the Same**  
Inventor: Takashi SAWAGUCHI  
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Sir:

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1. Executed Assertion of Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c); and
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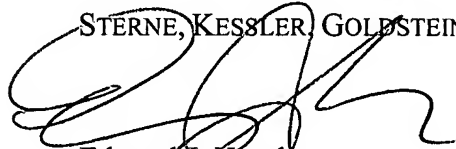
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